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Case No. CE08787R

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and these remarks. Claims 1, 3-17 and 19-31 are currently pending.

According to the Office Action, claims 1-16, 18 and 20-28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter that Applicants regards as the invention. Applicants have reviewed this rejection and have amended the claims to clarify them. Claim 5 is rejected because it was unclear as to what the "plurality of decoders" and "the one or more decoding devices" refers. Applicants respectfully submit that claim 5, as amended, clearly claims that there are one or more decoding devices and that each decoding device includes a plurality of decoders. Each of the decoders can be configured to decode one of the particular types of signals. Applicants refer to Figure 2 and the accompanying description within the Specification to provide support for this claim construction. Applicants have amended claims that refer to the decoding device and the decoders for clarification. It is noted that the construction of claim 17 refers to only one decoding device that has a plurality of decoders. Applicants respectfully submit that the remaining amendments to the claims in response to the rejection under Section 112, second paragraph, are self explanatory. In view of these amendments, which address each of the cited items, Applicants respectfully contend that the claims are correctly constructed and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,907,007 to Azner et al. in view of United States Patent No. 5,390,347 to Horiuchi et al. Claim 17 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Azner in view of United States Patent No. 5,072,442 to Todd and Horiuchi. According to the Office Action, claims 2-16 and 18-31 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant notes with appreciation that the subject matter of these claims is deemed to be allowable if rewritten to include all limitations of the superseding and rejected claims. The

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Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's rejections set forth in the present office action. However, desiring to expedite the issuance of a patent for the present invention and in view of the Examiner's indications of amendments that would confer allowance, the Applicants have amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 2 and claim 17 to incorporate the limitations of claim 18. In addition, other claims have been amended to correct dependencies. In view of these amendments, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 3-17 and 19-31 are patentable over the cited art. Applicants therefore request that the rejections under Section 103(a) be withdrawn.

As the Applicants have overcome all substantive rejections and objections given by the Examiner and have complied with all requests properly presented by the Examiner, the Applicants contend that this Amendment, with the above discussion, overcomes the Examiner's objections to and rejections of the pending claims. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully solicit allowance of the application. If the Examiner is of the opinion that any issues regarding the status of the claims remain after this response, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned representative to expedite resolution of the matter.

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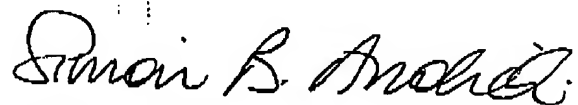
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